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METHOD OF DETECTING

AXONAL DAMAGE,

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AND RELATED MONOCLONAL:
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Sheri L. Emmons

Dear Sir:

The Examiner has required restriction between claims 1-3 drawn to anti-tau antibodies, classified in class 530, subclass 387.1; claims 4-9 drawn to fragments of tau protein, classified in class 530, subclass 350; claim 10 drawn to fragments of the light neurofilament subunit,

classified in class 530, subclass 350; claim 11 drawn to fragments of the medium neurofilament subunit, classified in class 530, subclass 350; claim 12 drawn to fragments of the heavy neurofilament subunit, classified in class 530, subclass 350; claim 13 drawn to protein fragment JUL 2 > 1999 of neurofilament 66, classified in class 530, subclass 350; and claims 14-30 drawn to method of detecting axonal damage by detection of an axonal derived protein, classified in class 435, subclass 7.1.

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed June 2, 1999, Applicants hereby elect the species covered by Claims 14-30, inclusive, for examination.

Applicants' election is made without traverse.

An action on the merits of all of the claims and a Notice of Allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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